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Village of Westchester



From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

I would like to first welcome two new members of the Westchester team. Please welcome newly hired Fire Chief Daniel Manning and newly hired Police Officer Vernando Cruz. Chief Manning started on August 5th with officer Cruz starting on August 19th. Officer Cruz will have 12 weeks of police academy training along with 12 weeks of field training

The Village of Westchester is once again hosting a shred event on Saturday October 19th from 10am to 12pm at 2305 Enterprise Drive. This is a great opportunity to properly dispose of old financial paperwork, tax documents and banking records. Shredding of the documents is done on site. Electronics and prescription drugs will be accepted for proper disposal thanks to the Cook County Sheriffs Police. The Westchester Food Pantry will also be on-site to collect non-perishable food donations.

The Village Board recently discussed and brought forward the low income senior and disabled resident snow program for this winter pending approval of the board. Information and details on this program are available on our website, and on the following page of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone that supported our police department at Nation Night Out held on August 6th. It was an incredible event which would not have been possible without all of the sponsors, specifically SBC Waste Solutions and Nobbs Towing. A final thank you to the Westchester Public Schools for helping get the word out and hosting us at the Westchester Intermediate School.

The Westchester Fire Department open house is on Monday October 7th from 6pm to 8:30pm. Come out and watch a live fire burn demonstration, take fire truck rides

and learn about fire safety from our professionals here in the village. Food, snacks and beverages will be available.

Westchester recently was awarded an infrastructure grant from Cook County in the amount of \$200,000. Cook County Commissioner Tara Stamps, one of our two cook county representatives recently awarded this grant to assist the village with a water main replacement project on Norfolk scheduled for next year. Thank you, Commissioner Stamps, for working with us in our efforts to continue our water, sewer and roadwork plan in town.

Regarding grants, village staff recently briefed the board on the status of grant funds requested and received by Westchester. Since 2021, the Village of Westchester has applied for over \$11 million in county, state, and federal funds for road, bridge, and water projects, securing over \$8 million to date. Additionally, we have received more than \$800,000 in grants for the police and fire departments, which have funded essential technology and equipment upgrades and, in some cases, covered staff costs.

The village utilizes various resources to identify, apply for, and secure grant funding, working closely with county and state legislators to ensure that Westchester is well-represented. The grant approval process involves many variables, such as the median income levels of the community and the availability of matching funds required for some partnership grants. These factors can influence the timeline for project commencement.

Please be assured that Westchester consistently seeks funding from multiple sources to minimize the reliance on local tax dollars for operations.

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THE ONLINE VILLAGE CALENDAR IS CONTINUALLY UPDATED AND INCLUDES MANY MORE LIBRARY & PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE TO SEE ALL DETAILS!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 ★ LABOR DAY ★ VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED	03	04 FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	05 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	06	07 BLOOD DRIVE 9AM - 1PM OLD GLORY LODGE #141 10210 CANTERBURY PRAIRIE FEST 10AM - 4PM 11225 CONSTITUTION DRIVE
08	09	10 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	11 SEPTEMBER 11 COMMEMORATION CEREMONY - 9AM VILLAGE HALL AGING WELL SEMINAR 11 AM - MAYFAIR REC CENTER	12	13	14 RABIES VACCINE & MICROCHIP CLINIC 9AM - 12PM FIRE STATION #25 10240 ROOSEVELT RD
15 CASUAL WALK THROUGH BEMIS WOODS - 11AM INSECT SAFARI - 12PM 11225 CONSTITUTION DR	16 DROOL IN THE POOL 6PM - 7:30PM WPD SWIMMING POOL 	17	18	19 MOVIE NIGHT WITH GROW - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	20 WILDFLOWER WALK 9AM 11225 CONSTITUTION DR 	21 REUSE-A-PALOOZA COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE 
22 REUSE-A-PALOOZA COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE 	23 	24 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	25 SENIOR HEALTH FAIR WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH 1840 WESTCHESTER BLVD 	26 BWJWA MEETING 10AM - BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL	27	28 
29	30 					

• VILLAGE MEETINGS • VILLAGE EVENTS • OTHER LOCAL EVENTS



Snow Removal Rebate Program for Low-Income Seniors & Disabled Residents



FOR MORE DETAILS:
VISIT WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/SNOWPROGRAM
CALL (708) 345-0020

PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO VILLAGE BOARD APPROVAL.
PARTICIPATION IS SUBJECT TO APPLICATION APPROVAL AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.
PLEASE NOTE THAT SPACES ARE LIMITED.



Welcome Fire Chief Daniel Manning

The Village is thrilled to announce the appointment of Daniel Manning as the new Fire Chief of the Village of Westchester! Chief Manning began his role on Monday, August 5, following an extensive search led by Administrative Consulting Specialists. With over 30 years of dedicated service in the south suburbs, including over four years as Deputy Chief in South Holland and more than twenty-five years at the Dolton Fire Department, Chief Manning brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our community. His exceptional leadership and honed emergency management skills have superbly prepared him for this new chapter in his career.

Chief Manning says he is excited to serve the people of Westchester and to be part of such a wonderful fire department and community. Please say hi when you see him around town! He also looks forward to meeting everyone who can attend our October 7th Fire Department open house.

Fire Department Open House – October 7th

The Westchester Fire Department is excited to host its annual Open House on Monday, October 7, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Fire Station #25, located at 10240 Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL. This free, family-friendly event will be full of food, fun, excitement, and



New Fire Chief Daniel Manning, on right, was sworn in on August 5.

fire prevention education.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the new Fire Chief, Dan Manning, and interact with the dedicated crew of the Westchester Fire

Department. The event will also feature a variety of live demonstrations, a DJ, and a bounce house.

This Open House is a great chance to learn about fire safety, see the fire

department's equipment up close, and enjoy a night out with the community. Mark your calendars and don't miss this exciting event during National Fire Prevention Week!

WESTCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT



OPEN HOUSE

FOOD, FUN & FIRE PREVENTION!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 7



6 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.



FIRE STATION #25
10240 ROOSEVELT RD
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154

Come meet new Fire Chief Dan Manning and the rest of the crew! Enjoy an evening filled with excitement and education at the Westchester Fire Department—featuring a DJ, bounce house, free food, and live demonstrations!



**NATIONAL
FIRE PREVENTION
-WEEK-**



JOIN US AT OUR
2ND ANNUAL CHARITY
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

MONDAY SEPT 23, 2024

**Glendale Lakes Golf Club
1550 President Street
Glendale Heights, IL 60139**

PRIZES

HOLE IN ONE

**CLOSEST TO THE
PIN**

LONGEST PUT

COST \$80 PP / TEAMS OF 4

**REGISTRATION BEGINS
9:00 am**

**TOURNAMENT STARTS
10:00 am**

**LUNCH BUFFET INCLUDED @
SHIKI BUFFET**

**240 TOWN CENTER LANE
GLENDALE HEIGHTS, IL 60139**

**Contact us for more details:
oldglory141@gmail.com**

GRASSROOTS GARDEN GROUP *Wants Your Garden!*

**TO HELP CELEBRATE WESTCHESTER'S CENTENNIAL,
GRASSROOTS GARDEN GROUP'S
2025 WESTCHESTER GARDEN WALK
IS OPEN TO THE ENTIRE VILLAGE!
IF YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL YARD AND GARDENS,
WE WOULD LOVE TO CONSIDER YOU FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT!**



WE ARE SCOUTING FOR GARDENS FOR OUR 7TH ANNUAL WESTCHESTER GARDEN WALK WHICH BENEFITS THE WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY. THIS ANNUAL EVENT, ALONG WITH OUR ANNUAL PLANT SALES, HAVE RAISED \$38,000 FOR THE PANTRY SINCE 2018!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR GARDEN FOR A GOOD CAUSE AND INSPIRING PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A GRASSROOTS MEMBER WILL FOLLOW UP WITH YOU TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OF YOUR GARDEN FOR CONSIDERATION FOR OUR WALK.

**LET'S BLOOM TOGETHER AND MAKE
THE 2025 WESTCHESTER GARDEN WALK
THE BIGGEST AND BEST GARDEN WALK YET!!!**



Scan the QR code to complete your 2025 Garden Walk application, or visit our website. Thank You!

www.GrassrootsGardenGroup.org/Volunteer



Grassroots Garden Group | A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization



Facebook.com/GrassrootsGardenGroup



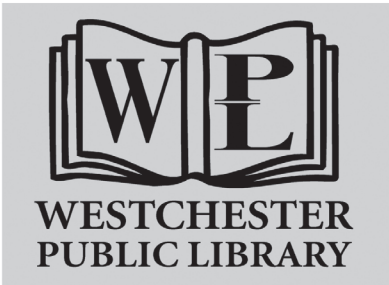
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WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

September 2024

Back to School Scavenger Hunt
All Month | Youth Department
Complete the scavenger hunt in the Youth Services department. When you finish, come to the YS desk for a prize!

September Book Discussion
September 17th | 6:30 PM
This month we're reading ***Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocum**. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk

Adult Crochet Group
Our Adult Crochet Group meets on the first Monday of every month! Our next meeting will be **October 2nd at 6 PM** in the Community Room. All materials provided, no experience necessary

Featured Fall Programs
Farm to Table Appetizers with Chef Cherise
Wed. Sept. 18 | 6 PM | Community Room
Everything tastes better fresh from the farm stand! Garden fresh samples will be served. **Registration is required.**

Lights Out, Everyone: Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio
Tues. Oct. 22 | 6 PM | Community Room
Steve Darnall illustrates how radio could truly be a "theater of the mind" and use music, voices and sounds to create indelible -- and often frightening -- "pictures." **Registration is required.**

The Saddle Shoe Sisters Present 40's, 50's, and 60's Holiday Music!
Thur. Dec. 19 | 6 PM | Community Room
The Saddle Shoe Sisters are bringing us harmony through the decades! Hear the best holiday music of the 40s, 50s & 60s from a fabulous retro girl group who sing and play their own instruments! **Registration is required**

Qigong and Sound Meditation with Gail Morales
Sept. - Feb. | 1st Saturday of the Month
Join us monthly from **11 AM - 12 PM** to practice mindful movement in the Westchester Public Library Community Room! **Registration is required.**
All event details and registration are available through our website. Registration will become available one month before program schedule date

Learn Nature Photography
September 5th & 12th | 6 PM | Library Garden
Learn how to take beautiful photos right here at the library! Must be 18+. **Registration is required.**

Flower Pounding on Cloth
September 10th | 2 PM & 6 PM | Community Room
If you loved last year's program, then you're going to love this one too! Learn how to use real flower to create decorative tea-towels. **Registration is required, sign up for one session.**

Art at the Prairie
September 12th & 24th | 10 AM & 5:15 PM | Wolf Road Prairie
Join us at the beautiful Wolf Road Prairie to practice watercolor painting, or sketching wildflowers! All skill levels are welcome, and materials will be provided. **Registration is required.**

Wildflower Walk at the Wolf Road Prairie
September 20th | 9 AM | Meet at Wolf Road Prairie House
Join us for a morning stroll through the Wolf Road Prairie led by a naturalist to learn about what native flowers are currently in bloom! **Registration is required.**

After Work Nature Walk
September 25th | 5:30 PM | Meet at Bemis Woods North
Park at Bemis Woods North and meet at the bridge for an easy 30-40 minute nature walk, led by a Westchester librarian. Appropriate for most adult ability levels; call or stop by for more details. **Registration is required.**

Kayak with the Library!
Multiple Dates Available
Did you know that the Library offers free Kayak trips? Join us to discover the beauty of the Des Plaines River like never before! We're offering trips on **September 22nd, September 29th, October 19th, October 27th, and November 3rd! Registration is required,** and spots fill up fast! Call or stop by for more details.



STORYTIMES

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wednesdays | September 4th - October 9th | 10:15 AM

Get ready to sing, hear stories, and make a craft based on the theme of the day! **Best for babies - PreK.**

Dance Party!

Tuesday, September 17th | 11 AM | Community Room

Do you like to jump, dance, and sing? Play instruments, too? Then join us for this energetic storytime! **Best for PreK.**

Pajama Storytime

Thursday, September 19th | 6 PM | Youth Department

Wear your favorite PJs and join Miss Mel for this soothing, low-key storytime! **Best for PreK-2nd grade.**

Teen Programs

Teen Crochet

Tuesdays | September 3rd - October 15th | 4 PM

Teens, want to learn how to crochet? We'll teach you step by step! All skill levels welcome, materials will be provided.

Teens Behind the Lens

Thursdays | September 5th - October 10th | 4 PM

Learn how to take stunning photos with the library's cameras! Each week you'll explore a new theme! Final pieces may be selected for artwork in our Teen Room. **Registration is required.**

Monthly Teen Craft

Monday | September 9th | Teen Room

Bring a burst of sunshine into your world with our sunflower-inspired project. **While supplies last.**

Teen Treats: Banana Bread

Monday | September 16th | Community Room

Don't miss this delicious new program just for teens! This month we will be teaching you how to mix up some delicious banana bread that can be baked in a mason jar! This recipe calls for milk and butter, so please be aware and cautious of any food-related allergies.

Registration required.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids Crochet Club

Wednesdays | September 4th - October 9th | 4 PM

Come learn basic crochet with Miss Julie. All skill levels are welcome! Materials will be supplied! **For grades 3 - 5.**

Playdate! At the Library

Thursdays | September 5th - October 10th | 10:15 AM

Join other parents to chat and relax as the kids play in this low-key program! **Best for PreK.**

Art Explorers with Miss Julie

Thursdays | September 5th - October 10th | 4 PM

Learn about different types of art and make a magnificent creation! **Best for grades 2 - 5.**

Miss Julie's Super Awesome Craft Station!

Biweekly Mondays | Starting September 9th

Join Miss Julie to make cool crafts, check out themed books, and more! While supplies last. **Best for K-5.**

Mario Kart Mondays

Mondays | September 9th - October 7th | 4 PM

Zoom through the colorful world of Mario Kart and show off your racing skills! This program is intended **for grades 2 and up.**

Lego Club

Fridays | September 13th - October 25th | 3:30 PM

Don't miss out on this fun club where you can show off your building skills and get to put your creations on display! **Best for K-5.**

Read to the Dogs!

Monday, September 23rd and Wednesday, September 25th | 6 - 7 PM

Sign up for a ten-minute slot to read to a super cute pup from the Hinsdale Humane Society!

Only 1 time slot per child. Registration required, limit 6. **For K - 5th grades. Please be aware of any pet allergies your child may have and act accordingly.**



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Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-8:00 pm; Friday-Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm; Sunday: Closed.

Library Director Fidencio Marbella • Board of Trustees John Lamberti-president, Elizabeth Hunter, Greg Christoff, Shannon Flint, Christine Kuffel, Darla Woods & Stephanie Pedersen • Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month 7 PM.

If special accommodations are required to attend a library program, please contact us at least seven days in advance.



We are happy to be Back to School! We kicked off August with two wide Meet and Greets at each school where we welcomed both new and returning students and families with a sweet treat. We are excited to ring in the 2024-2025 school year!

The “Back to School Celebration” at Mayfair Park was a blast! It was great to see so many students and their families at this much anticipated event!

The first WPTC meeting of the 2024/25 school year will be held on September 6, in the WIS cafeteria at 6:00 p.m..

The WPTC is looking forward to our annual Walk-a-Thon on September 20th. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to raise

funds to help support their schools. WPTC is looking forward to making this school year a memorable one for students and their families.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!

Important Dates:
First WPTC Meeting: September 6
Walkathon: September 20
Please continue to check our Facebook page and website for any updates!
www.wptc.membershiptoolkit.com
<https://www.facebook.com/WPTC92.5>

You can also reach the WPTC via email at wptc925@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE



Old Glory Lodge 141 Blood Drive

Saturday, Sept. 7
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Basement



To schedule an appointment call 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org and use group code: 10055402.
Or, SCAN QR CODE.

Appointments Recommended.
Walk-ins Welcome.
Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, & bring ID.

GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

SCAN HERE TO SCHEDULE



Donate and you'll be automatically entered into our Pumpkin Spice Giveaway for a chance to win one of five \$5,000 gift cards. Presenting donors will also receive a coupon for a FREE pint of Culver's frozen custard.

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2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Playtime Preschool

3 Year Olds

T/TH 9:30- 11:30 a.m.
\$1,050 Resident Rate

Tot Spot Preschool

4 Year Olds

M/W/F 9:00- 11:30 a.m.
\$1,450 Resident Rate

State
Licensed
Facility

Westchester Park District Smart Start Early Childhood Center

- ★ Copy of Child's Birth Certificate
- ★ \$25 Deposit
- ★ Tuition Paid in 3 Installments

Call Kathy Kasprzak for more info
708-865-8200 x216

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Because Aging Well Matters

Westchester - Upcoming Event Schedule

Mayfair Recreation Center 10835 Wakefield Street Westchester, IL 60154

Wednesdays 11:15am- 1:00pm

Sept. 11th: Moving you to Better Health with In Motion Counseling and *The Stars & Stripes* musical performance by Rick Pickren.

Nov. 13th Caring for the Caregiver presented by Mattie Stevenson, Aging Care Connections
RSVP: Registration Preferred – Space limited.
Gia Marie Benline giabenline@gmail.com or email ACC at awn@agingcareconnections.org

BINGO: FREE SNACKS!
August 14 & October 9

Aging Care Connections, 111 W. Harris Ave. LaGrange, IL 60525
P: 708-354-1323 W: Agingcareconnections.org

These programs are brought to you by the: **WESTCHESTER Aging Well Team**

The Westchester Aging Well Team is a group of volunteers working to make Westchester a great place to age well. Through a series of free informational programs, we help to promote lifelong wellness, support aging at home, raise awareness of available resources, provide a sense of community, and support healthy, informed, and safe aging.

Anti-Discrimination Statement
Aging Care Connections does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of programs or treatment of employment in compliance with Appropriate state and federal statutes. If you feel You have been discriminated against, call 708-354-1323. them, are essential to successfully serving our diverse communities.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement
Aging Care Connections is committed to building a diverse, equitable, inclusive, accessible, and supportive work environment that fosters a sense of belonging. We believe that individuals with a variety of lived experiences, backgrounds, and strengths who share a passion for helping older adults and those that support them, are essential to successfully serving our diverse communities.



Westchester Chamber of Commerce

"We Mean Business"

Interested in **business referrals, ribbon cutting ceremonies, networking events or advertising opportunities**? Join the chamber! Scan the QR code below or email info@westchesterchamber.org for more information!



\$150 For Profit- Business
\$125 Not-For-Profit Business

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce welcomes our newest member, [SBC Waste Solutions](#)!



Staying Alert: Ensuring Safety as School Begins

As we head into the back-to-school season, it's time for all of us behind the wheel to sharpen our "Spider Senses" and stay vigilant. With children returning to school, our responsibility as drivers is greater than ever. We must be on constant alert for those moments when a child, whose senses aren't fully developed yet, might unexpectedly step out from between parked cars or ride their bike through an intersection without fully understanding the risks. These unpredictable actions can lead to tragedy if we're not fully aware of our surroundings.

It's also essential to remember the importance of school bus safety. Unfortunately, some drivers choose to ignore the rules and pass a stopped school bus, putting children in grave danger. Driving comes with a significant responsibility and unfortunately some risks as well – whether it's distracted drivers surfing the internet, texting, or talking on their phones, or those under the influence, the risks on the road are real and constant.

We're also seeing an increase in reckless behavior, from high-speed drivers who show no regard for human life to young motorcyclists on dirt bikes without plates or insurance, daring officers to give chase for the sake of social media fame. The world is presenting new challenges in many

aspects, especially when consequences for certain actions are not always sufficient, which can unfortunately lead to repeated incidents.

Despite these challenges, the Westchester Police Department remains committed to giving our residents 110% to protect our community from those who disregard the safety and well-being of others.

I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the residents who joined us for our National Night Out celebration. The event, supported by the Village President, Board Members, Public Works, and our Police Officers, was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the free food, ice cream, music, and meeting our police canines, as well as exploring the various municipal vehicles we use in our daily work.

A special thanks goes out to SBC Waste Solutions for bringing their disposal truck and to NOBS Towing and J4 Events, who generously donated their time, equipment, and resources to help make our National Night Out a memorable event for everyone.

Sincerely,
Chief Daniel Babich

WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

24-03041
07/19/2024 3:33PM - RETAIL THEFT
10345 ROOSEVELT RD

42 year old man from Chicago finds himself charged in Cook County Circuit Court with one count of Retail Theft following an incident. The 42 year old was taken into custody, processed and then released with a Citation & Notice pending a court appearance at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood.

24-03051
07/20/2024 8:12AM - IN-STATE WARRANT
1 WESTBROOK CORPORATE CENTER DR

52 year old man from Maywood was taken into custody following a Trespass Incident. While in custody police were informed that the subject has a no bond warrant out of Cook County. The 52 year old was processed with a Citation and Notice pending a court appearance and taken to the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing reference his warrant out of Cook County.

24-03110
07/24/2024 9:07AM - IN-STATE WARRANT
10200 BLK ROOSEVELT RD

50 year old man from Westchester was taken into custody following an Unwanted Subject incident. The subject was trespassed from the

business and prior to being released, police were notified that the subject had a warrant out of Cook County. The 50 year old was processed and transported to the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing reference his warrant out of Cook County.

24-03221
07/30/2024 3:39PM - TRAFFIC STOP
ROOSEVELT RD & MANCHESTER AVE

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 17 year old male from Maywood, was cited for Operating a Vehicle without Registration and for Operating a Vehicle without a Valid Drivers License. A Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-03382
08/08/2024 8:45PM - TRAFFIC STOP
11000 BLK 31ST ST

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 28 year old male from Chicago, was cited for Driving with one Headlamp and Driving while License is Suspended. A Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

This is not a comprehensive list. Please visit www.westchester-il.org/blotter for complete Police Blotter.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT





The Village of Westchester Police Department Now Accepting Police Officer Applications!

Application Deadline:

Monday, October 14, 2024, at 4:00 PM

Salary Range: \$68,724 - \$100,202

How to Apply:

- Download and complete your application at www.iosolutions.com
- Submit all required supporting documentation as part of your application by **Monday, October 14, 2024, at 4:00 PM (CST)**.

Police Officer Minimum Requirements:

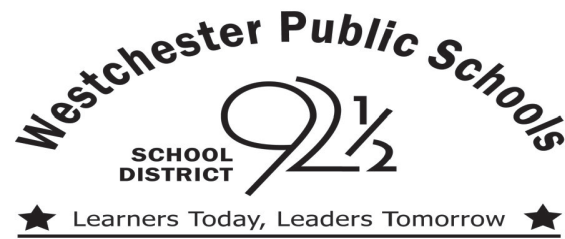
- U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Resident Status
- High School Diploma or GED
- **One** of the following:
 - Successful completion of at least 30 semester hours (or their equivalent in quarter or trimester hours) of credit from an accredited college or university (copy of official transcripts due at deadline)
 - OR**
 - At least 12 months of active service in any branch of the United States military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) with an honorable discharge or medical discharge
- Valid Driver's License
- 21 to under 35 years of age as of test date (11/09/2024) unless otherwise exempt by Statute

Orientation and Testing Information:

Candidates must attend the mandatory orientation and written examination on **Saturday, November 9, 2024**. Exact details will be provided to those eligible to test. All portions of the testing process are mandatory. Failure to attend and successfully complete any portion of the process will result in elimination from employment consideration.

Please contact IOS Recruitment at (800)-343-HIRE or recruitment@iosolutions.com with questions regarding the application, required documents or testing BEFORE the application deadline date.





A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer break. While some may be sad that summer is coming to an end, I want to express my excitement and optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead for us. Our dedicated staff have been working diligently over the summer to prepare engaging and enriching experiences for our students. Our commitment to fostering a safe environment remains a priority, and we are eager to see our students thrive both academically and personally.

Our Significant 72 team met again this summer to plan our kickoff for the first week back of school. Significant 72 is when we set aside the first three days of school to develop strong teacher-student and student-to-student relationships. This is a great way to reconnect with our students after the summer break. We can't wait until our first day of school on Wednesday, August 21st!

I want to thank all of our families that registered in July. At the time of this publication, we are at 80% registered. If you have not done so already, please register your child for school so they can start school on time. Click here for more information on registration. Thank you to our school Administrative Assistants, Principals, Officer Aguirre, and District Staff for supporting the registration process.

Below are some important dates and events for you to know. I encourage you to check our district website (<https://www.sd925.org>) and individual school websites frequently.

- ☐ August 6th - WPS Kindergarten Bus Orientation 10:00 a.m.
- ☐ August 14th - Schedules will be posted in PowerSchool's Parent Portal. WMS will also host a locker move-in day from 2 pm - 5 pm (students must be fully registered to receive a schedule).
- ☐ August 19th and 20th - Teacher Institute Day (No School for students)
- ☐ Please note registrations will NOT be processed from August 19-21 so we can prepare for the first day of school
- ☐ August 19th - Meet-and-Greet-with-a-Treat, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at all buildings
- ☐ August 21st, First Day of School (ALL GRADES)

Communication and partnership with our families are essential to our success, and we encourage you to stay involved and informed throughout the year. Whether it's through parent-teacher conferences, volunteering opportunities, or our regular newsletters, we value your input and support. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to share anything with me, please email (psalemi@sd925.org) or call my cell phone (708-670-1927). I am looking forward to a great 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,
Philip Salemi, Ed.D

Westchester Primary School

Westchester Primary School was thrilled to begin the school year on August 21st! WPS continues to implement Responsive Classroom Practices for social-emotional learning into our school day. Specifically, we devoted the first three days of school to building classroom culture and relationships along with explicitly teaching Dolphin Pride Expectations for behavior throughout our school: Be Ready, Be Caring, Be Safe.

Also, students have been engaged in all areas of academic learning to ensure achievement and have been participating in beginning of the year benchmark assessments to collect baseline data and create small groupings for both the ELA and Math. Additionally, our staff will use assessments throughout the school year for students to create goals for learning.

We are looking forward to creating partnerships with all of our families and community members. The WPS Curriculum Night is on Thursday, September 5th from 6:00-7:30 PM. All attendees can learn about their child's curriculum and expectations for learning and have the opportunity to engage in mini-sessions to gain insight on how to support learning after school at home. Also, WPS will host a Grandparents Day celebration on Friday, September 6 from 9:00 - 10:15 AM. We encourage families to follow our calendar of events located on the district website at sd925.org.

At this time, WPS would like to welcome the new additions to our school family:

- Angie Nagle - First-grade classroom teacher
- Ana Sanchez - First-grade classroom teacher
- Jennifer Vondrehle - Kindergarten/First Grade Resource Teacher
- Hanna Cartwright - Social Worker
- Cynthia Alvarado - Paraprofessional

WPS continues to send weekly updates on Friday afternoons after 4:00 PM. These messages include important information about WPS and our upcoming activities and events. Please make sure that your email is current on PowerSchool so that you get these messages. If you are not receiving the messages, please contact the main office at 708-562-1509.

Finally, all families are encouraged to join the WPTC if they have not done so already. Joining is a wonderful way to connect to the school and take part in year-long events that help strengthen the home-school connection.

Westchester Intermediate School

The start of our school year has been exciting. We welcomed our new Third graders to what will be an awesome year! A new school year presents opportunities for various new beginnings--new classrooms, new friends, curriculum extension, and classroom teachers. Starting the school year gives students the opportunity to make new plans and set personal goals. But our students can't reach these new goals without the support of excellent teachers and caring involved parents.

As we have the last couple of years we are using the first three days of the school year to focus on relationship building with students and staff. This is called Significant 72, based on the research of Greg Wolcott which has shown that the relationship students have with their teacher and peers has a great impact on their learning and success. We will take time throughout the year to focus on teambuilding, relationships, and learning celebrations to build our students' confidence and success.

We are digging into our math and reading curricular materials. We will continue to use small guided groups in both to support student learning. By using small groups we are able to provide students with the learning that best challenges them as a learner. We hope to see you on Curriculum Night September 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm when we talk more in depth about these topics.

Our first couple of months will be filled with exciting activities for our WIS students..

Go Huskies!

Westchester Middle School

We continue to reinforce our Warrior Expectations for everyone at WMS. The expectations are:

Be Responsible - Take care of themselves

Be Respectful - Act and interact with others in a kind and respectful way

Be Safe - Keep their space clean, welcoming, and easy to move in

Be There, Be Ready - Are willing to do their best work

Students will enter school on the first day (and every day) and put their items in their lockers. This includes their cell phones. Our cell phone expectation is that cell phones are "off and away during the day". We do not want this form of technology to be a distraction to student's learning. The students will have all the technology they need with their Chromebook.

This year we have welcomed some new staff to WMS. We are excited to welcome them to our WMS family. Our new staff are:

Assistant Principal - Michelle Fuentes

6th/8th Grade Math: Elizabeth Pechous

7th Grade Science - Lucas Strobl

Art - Raina Williams

Family and Consumer Sciences - Kelly Skalnik

Guidance Counselor - Emma Sells

Interventionist - Christina Ippolito

Spanish - Roberto Ocampo

WMS Curriculum Night will take place on Tuesday, September 10th 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Please join us in learning about our school and academic programs.

The 6th Grade students have the opportunity to participate in our optional educational tour, Camp Timber-lee. Our students and staff will go to camp on September 18, 19, and 20, 2024. We will have a mandatory parent meeting regarding this tour on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 PM in the WMS cafeteria. At this meeting we will review expectations and go over activities for the tour. A parent must attend for their child to be able to attend the tour. All payments can be made in person or via RevTrak on our website and are due by Wednesday, September 11, 2024. We would like for as many of our students to participate in this tour as possible. If you have any questions about this tour, please contact Mr. Leban at gleban@sd925.org or by calling our main office at 708-450-2735.

Mr. Leban will continue to send weekly updates on Friday afternoon around 4:00 PM. These messages include important information about WMS and our upcoming activities and events. Please make sure that your email is current on PowerSchool so that you get these messages. If you are not receiving the messages, please contact the main office.



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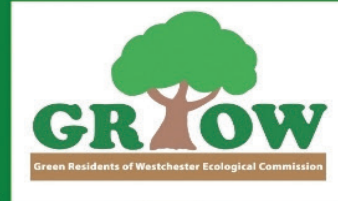
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TREE WALK



This fall, the GROW Ecological Commission invites you to connect with nature and your neighbors at our upcoming Tree Walk event. Explore the beauty of Westchester's urban forest, learn about different tree species, and discover the innovative practices we're implementing to enhance our tree canopy. Join us for:

- Guided walk led by a certified arborist
- Insightful discussion on tree care and urban forestry
- A delightful stroll through our community on a crisp fall day

**MEET IN FRONT OF DIVINE INFANT SCHOOL
1640 NEWCASTLE AVE, WESTCHESTER, IL 60154**

SAVE THE DATE
**OCTOBER
5TH**

1:00 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS

Village branch collection for September will be the week of September 9th – 13th
October’s collection will be the week of October 7th – 11th
November’s collection will be the week of November 4th – 8th (last collection of the year)

The Public Works Department collects branches the first full working week of each month (April-November) Please see the section map online for your collection day.

- All brush must be placed on the front parkway by 7am on your designated collection day.
- Branches may be up to 7 feet in length and must be stacked with the butt ends facing the street in the same direction.
- Dirt must be removed from any root balls.
- Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated collection area once due to time, scheduling, and other workload responsibilities.

Landscapers & tree services are responsible for their own brush disposal.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

There will be no garbage collection on Monday, September 2nd
Monday’s collection will be Tuesday, September 3rd
Tuesday’s collection will be Wednesday, September 4th
Thursday and Friday’s collection will remain the same- no change.

S.B.C. Waste Solutions, Inc. – 312-522-1115

- If your garbage, recycling, and/or yard waste was at the curb by 6am but was not collected by 6pm on your regular day, please call S.B.C. directly to report a missed collection.
- You may place two (2) large items that will not fit in your receptacle (couch, chair, table, etc.,) at the curb every week for collection. Please call S.B.C. directly to inform them of large items.
- S.B.C. will collect household hazardous waste and electronic waste (e-waste), at no additional charge, including household chemicals, automotive products, paint products, garden chemicals, universal materials, batteries, long fluorescent lightbulbs, and swimming pool chemicals. This

special collection must be pre-scheduled by calling 312-522-1115.

Street Parking Restrictions
Street maintenance parking restrictions are still in effect. Please check the street signs at the ends of your block or check the Village website so you don’t receive a ticket!

Westchester Tree Replacement Program
1. The Village has been planting trees on eligible parkways at no cost to the resident. This replacement program does not allow for residents to choose the species of tree planted, the location, the number of trees planted, nor are residents able to opt-out of having a tree planted in the Village parkway in front and/or side of their residence. Please call Public Works if you would like to request a tree be planted sooner rather than later in a parkway.

2. If you would prefer to choose the species of the tree to be planted, this can be achieved through the 50/50 program. The resident can choose the tree(s) from a list provided by the Village, and shares half of the cost of the tree(s) and planting with the Village. To request the list of 50/50 trees, please call the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041.

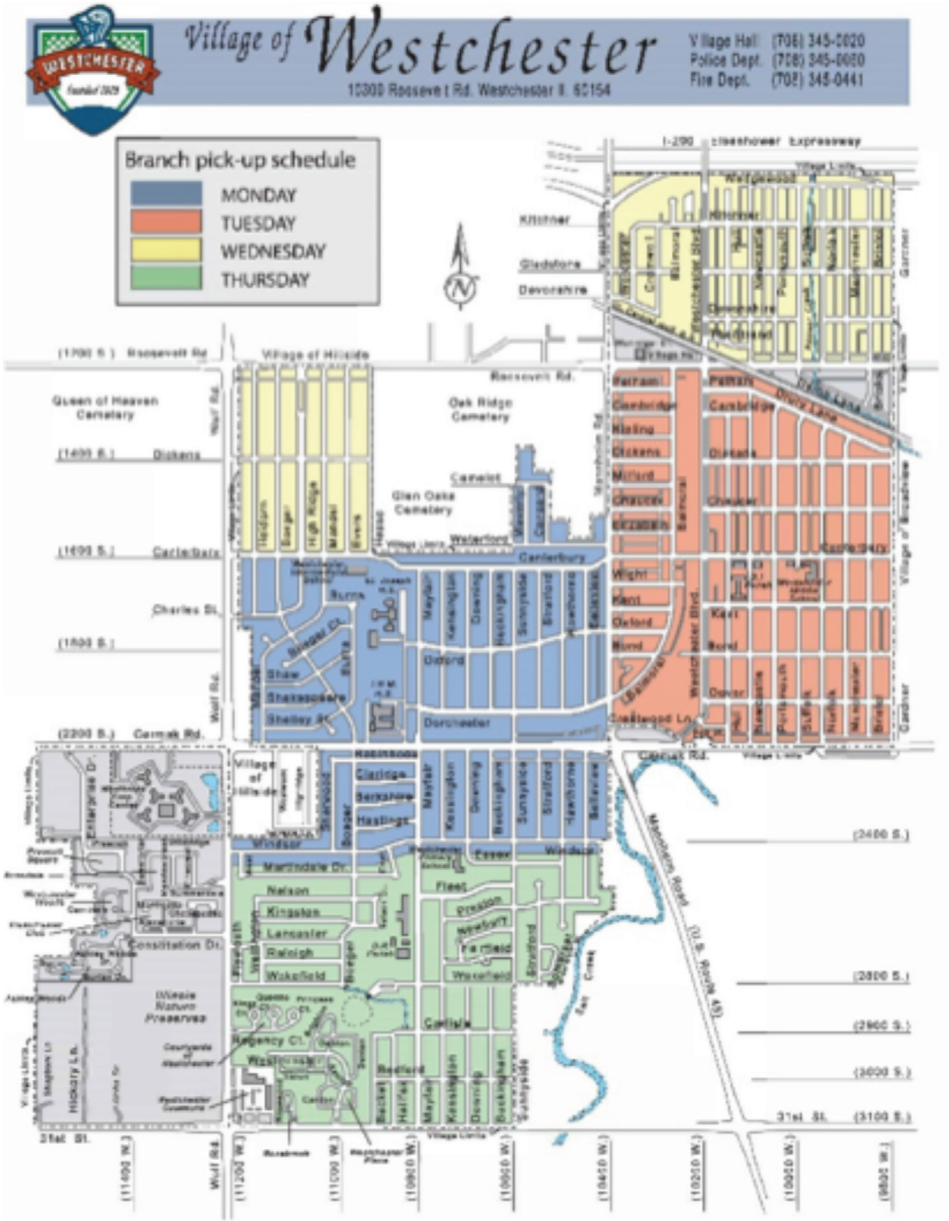
Village Watering Restrictions
There are water use restrictions in effect every year, May 15th – September 15th, from 12pm to 6pm. This includes:

- (1) Outdoor Watering/ Running Sprinkler(s)
- (2) Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- (3) Cleaning Vehicles
- (4) Swimming Pool Filling

Outdoor water use during unrestricted hours (before 12 p.m., after 6 p.m.) is allowed on even numbered days for residents with even numbered addresses, and on odd numbered days for residents with odd numbered addresses. If we have a dry summer, further restrictions may be necessary.

Water Quality Data Report
The 2023 Water Quality Report is available online at www.bit.ly/westchester2023report.

Branch Pick Up Schedule



Remember...
S.B.C. will also collect your branches if they are tied in bundles of no more than 50 pounds & no more than 4 feet in length. They may also be cut up into “Yard Waste Only” containers or lawn bags. These will be collected on your regular garbage day every week April – December.

As always, residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 if an unusual amount of water is visible in the street or parkway. This could be a main break or water leak that requires our immediate attention. If after 3:30pm M-F & on weekends and holidays, please call police non-emergency at 708-345-0060.

PUBLIC WORKS - CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Construction News
Construction notices & signs are all around the Village. Please read & keep notices when you receive them, and remember to obey all signs, permanent & temporary. UPDATES are posted daily to the Village of Westchester website.

- In-House Street Paving Phase II will occur in September on Belleview Ave between Windsor Dr & Preston St, and on Carlisle St between Sunnyside Ave & Mayfair Ave
- 2024 Micro-Surfacing
 - Portsmouth Ave. (Dickens St – Drury Ln)
 - Portsmouth Ave (Kent St. – Canterbury St)
 - Norfolk Ave (Canterbury St – Dicken St)
 - Crestwood Ln (Mannheim Rd – Westchester Blvd)
 - Gladstone St (Worcester Ave – Dead End)
 - Devonshire Ln (Mannheim Rd – Cromwell Ave)
 - Devonshire St (Norfolk Ave – Gardner Rd)
 - Bristol Ave (Wedgwood Dr – Devonshire St)
- Wedgwood Dr. Bridge is closed between Suffolk Ave. and Norfolk Ave. for complete replacement and installation of concrete approach slabs and sidewalks. The anticipated completion date is September 16th 2024.



- 2024 Street Resurfacing Program
 - Kensington Ave. from Cermak Rd. to Windsor Dr. is under construction this month for water main and lead service line replacement with street reconstruction to follow.





Proviso Handyman department

September 2024

It's getting dark out earlier! Time to make sure your outside light fixtures and security lights are in working order. We can change the lightbulbs or the fixtures. We can also help put away your lawn furniture. When was the last time you changed the batteries in your smoke alarms?

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Jay's Wok

Presented by the Economic Development Committee

Great business is about paying attention to your customers. That is one of the main reasons Jay's Wok, located at 3003 S. Wolf Road, just north of 31st, is such a success. Jay's Wok has been owned by Dao and Kitty Hui Li since January of 2018. Some Westchester residents may remember the location as the former Chinese Kitchen before being changed to Jay's Wok. When Dao and Kitty took over Jay's Wok, they decided to keep the name in part because they wanted existing customers to know not much would be changing to one of their favorite restaurants other than the owners. However, they were smart business owners and paid attention to their customer base, and over time, added and changed things and continue to do so.

Dao and Kitty came here to the U.S. from a province in southern China in 1998. While living in Virginia and New Jersey and working in the restaurant industry, they first discovered Westchester while visiting a close friend while on vacation. They saw that there was a business opportunity at Jay's Wok in Westchester and decided to check it out. The location was perfect for various reasons. It was located in a thriving shopping center with consistent traffic, in a community near good schools where they could raise their two sons, both who were around Junior High at the time, and they quickly discovered that many of the surrounding businesses were very supportive. During the Economic Development Committee's meeting with Dao and Kitty, they spoke about supportive local businesses by name such as H&R Block, Huntington Bank, and Jeannie's Hair Salon. Dao and Kitty expressed their gratitude of the owners and workers of these and other local businesses for their continued support.

As with many businesses, the new owners of Jay's Wok ran into some early challenges, but nothing like what would come in early 2020. When Covid-19 was causing businesses, employees, and customers to change their way of life, Dao and Kitty had to close for one month to regroup. Eventually it was decided that as a family run business, they could make it work with any restrictions they had to follow. Jay's Wok then re-opened with the use of their lobby as a staging area, putting up a kiosk where they could complete transactions at the door and facilitate carry out orders. Thankfully, the Hui Li's were able to make it work. Fairly quickly the business got healthy during a challenging time. The Hui Li's

big advantage was that they truly are a family run business with their two sons working with mom and dad. That is also why Jay's Wok is closed on Sundays. As a family business, the Hui Li's use Sunday as their time to clean, buy restaurant supplies, and take a little time to rest and recover. During the rest of the week, they are open long days, and make it work as a truly family run business.

Running Jay's Wok is a very demanding task and the Hui Li's work very hard to maintain the level of business that residents of Westchester have become accustomed to. You will often see Kitty or one of her sons at the counter. Kitty enjoys being the cashier and meeting customers, while Dao is always cooking. What separates Jay's Wok from so many Chinese restaurants is that so many of their best sellers are home-made and fresh! Whether you like egg rolls, crab rangoon, or pot stickers Jay's Wok makes all of them fresh to order. There are other restaurants that order these type of items from an outside vendor and are not freshly prepared. Jay's Wok has kept the menu fairly similar over the years and have retained many long-term customers. Some customers visit 3 to 5 times a week! The Hui Li's pride themselves on the fact that freshly made orders can be ready in 5-20 minutes depending on the size and nature of the order. EDC members can attest, the Jay's Wok team is consistent with a quick turnaround time on all orders!

The Hui Li's speak very highly of the local business community, and are grateful for all the orders they receive from other local businesses. Jay's Wok is always busy at most lunch hours and on Friday nights, and the winter tends to be the busiest season. Even though the Hui Li's are very busy running Jay's Wok, they are grateful for being in Westchester, and hope that people continue to try their food, discover how good it is, and get to know them. The Economic Development Committee thanks Jay's Wok for being a part of the Westchester community and hopes everyone starts or continues to support the business!

Jay's Wok

3003 S. Wolf Road, Westchester IL 60154

Phone 708/531-1688

Order Online jayswokwestchester.com

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Saturday: 12:00 Noon – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday: Closed



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FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE ACCEPTED: JUNE-OCTOBER

Is your garden growing out of control? Bring your extra produce to the Pantry! Cucumbers, zucchini, tomatoes and more are welcome. Please clean, bag and label it, and drop off directly at the Pantry during open hours.



PAPER BAGS ACCEPTED: YEAR ROUND

The Pantry goes through 500 paper bags every week! Donate your paper bags year round. Paper bags with handles are preferred (example: Mariano's and Trader Joe's). Drop off at any donation site or directly at the Pantry during open hours.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES (NEW AND USED) ACCEPTED: MAY-SEPTEMBER

School supplies are crucial for student success. Donate new and gently-used school supplies to the Pantry via any of our local donation sites. Please remove any personalization on supplies. Drop off directly to the Pantry during open hours.



HALLOWEEN CANDY ACCEPTED: OCTOBER-DECEMBER

Too much candy? Give it to the Pantry! Sweet treats are used for outreach events. Potential clients might be timid about asking for information, but everyone will take a flyer that is paired with treats! Drop off at any local donation site.



WINTER WEAR AND BLANKETS ACCEPTED: OCTOBER-JANUARY

We accept coats, hats, scarves, boots, gloves and mittens for adults and children, as well as blankets (all sizes). Items must be clean and in good condition. Drop off directly to the Pantry during open hours.



CHILDREN'S BOOKS ACCEPTED: YEAR ROUND

All children need books to call their own. We accept gently-used children's books, from baby books up to teen reads, throughout the year. Please drop off books directly to the Pantry during open hours.



DOG AND CAT FOOD ACCEPTED: YEAR ROUND

At the Westchester Food Pantry, we look out for furry family members as well. Donations of wet and dry dog and cat food are accepted year-round. Unfortunately, we cannot accept prescription pet food or medicines. Drop off pet food at any local donation site.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS IN WESTCHESTER

Westchester Food Pantry
 1938 S. Mannheim Road
 11am-7:00pm Wed; 11am-2:30pm Fri;
 8:30-11:30am Sat
Produce, winter wear, books and school supplies must come directly to the Pantry.

**Westchester Park District,
Community Center**
 10201 Bond Street
 Place in bin located in the lobby.
 9am-4:30pm Mon - Fri;
 Closed Sat and Sun

**Westchester Park District,
Mayfair Fitness Center**
 10835 Wakefield Street
 Place in bin located in the lobby.
 5:30am-8:30pm Mon-Fri;
 7am-3pm Sat; 7am-12pm Sun

Westchester Village Hall - Lobby
 10300 Roosevelt Road
 Place in the bins between
 7:30am - 4pm Mon - Fri

Westchester Public Library
 10700 Canterbury Street
 10am-8pm Mon-Thu;
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**Historic Prairie House
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An Old-Fashioned
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11225 Constitution Drive in
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Wolf Road Prairie
 Rain date: Saturday, September 14



Free Event:
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Dulcimer Players will perform music on the front porch

Lovely Handmade Quilts will be on display

Vendors will offer Arts and Crafts

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Our Information Booth will have more details on
 Prairie Events, Restoration Efforts and other Save
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Movie Night

CLIMATE CHANGE: THE FACTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00 P.M. ★ VILLAGE BOARD ROOM

10300 W ROOSEVELT RD, WESTCHESTER

GROW invites residents to a free showing of this BBC documentary featuring Sir David Attenborough as he explores the causes of global warming and potential solutions. This one-hour film will be followed by a discussion.

While all ages are welcome, this film is best suited for viewers aged 13 and older.

Use a Carbon Footprint Calculator to Save Money and Save the Planet



BY NIKKI WAY
GROW Commissioner

Our consumer-driven society has generated a staggering amount of waste, putting immense pressure on our planet's resources, and creating methane, which contributes to climate change. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, landfills are among our nation's largest sources of methane, a greenhouse gas more potent than carbon dioxide and a major contributor to global warming. Food waste, paper, plastics, and paper together account for over half of all landfill content.

However, by adopting a more mindful approach to consumption and waste management, we can significantly reduce our environmental impact while saving money.

A crucial step is to minimize buying new items. Opting for secondhand treasures not only saves money but also diverts waste from landfills. Additionally, repurposing existing items breathes new life into them, extending their lifespan and reducing the demand for new products.

Below are a few ideas on how you can repurpose, reduce consumption, and rejoice in saving money!

Image description: Piechart of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) type for 2018 from the Environmental Protection Agency website "Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Facts and Figures Fact Sheet"

Reuse items to extend their life and reduce demand for new products:

Paper and Cardboard:

Compost material: Shredded non-glossy paper can be added to compost piles to increase carbon content and improve soil structure.

Wrapping paper: Create decorative gift wraps from old newspapers or magazines.

Fire starters: Combine shredded paper with wax and dryer lint to create easy-to-light fire starters.

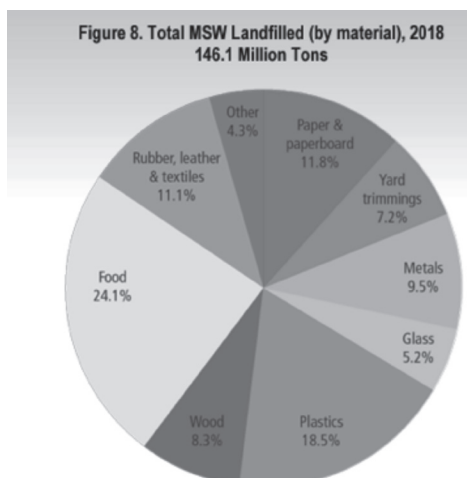
Craft materials: Cut and shape cardboard for creating models, kids' playhouses, puppets, Halloween costumes or decorations.

Gift bags: Save and reuse gift bags or decorate paper bags for gift wrapping.

Notepads: Create homemade notepads by stapling together used paper.

Paper mache: Paper can be pulped and used as a base for paper mache projects like decorative bowls.

Old clothes and bed linens:



Rags for cleaning: Cut old clothes into rags for cleaning various surfaces.

Sewing projects: Repurpose old clothes into new garments, accessories, or pillows.

Insulation: Shredded fabric can be used as insulation in winter clothing or home projects.

Pet bedding: Create cozy bedding for pets from old blankets and sheets. Or donate them to an animal shelter.

Plastic containers:

Food storage: Reuse plastic containers to store food in the refrigerator or pantry. Clean prescription bottles make great storage for food like nuts or salad dressing. Small plastic containers can also be used for organizing craft supplies, or pots for plants.

Food scraps:

Compost: Many food scraps can be composted to create nutrient-rich soil.

Make stock or broth: Freeze your scraps until you have enough to create flavorful stock or broth by boiling vegetable scraps.

Fertilizer: Coffee grounds can be added to compost or soil as a natural fertilizer.

Local reuse and repurpose resources & events

Reuse-A-Palooza Village Wide Yard Sale: The Village of Westchester is hosting the third annual yard sale event, on September 22 & 23! Host a sale or attend to browse for new-to-you treasures

CAG Wholesale: This local Westchester business has patches to upcycle your clothes and other craft supplies needed to give new life to your clothes. Visit them at 10311 Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154 or online at patchpartyclub.com

Christos Furs & Leathers: Designer Christos provides the world with responsibly sourced sustainable fashion using biodegradable, natural fibers; cotton, linen, wool, cashmere, silk, fur, and leather. While combating the issues synthetic fibers create (polyester, acrylic, nylon, etc) through upcycling. Visit the store at 10411 W Cermak Rd or online at <https://www.christosfurs.com>

ReUse Depot: This Maywood-based nonprofit offers interesting salvaged building materials and furniture. Donate to their collection, or find a treasure at their warehouse at 50 Madison St, Maywood, IL

60153.

Westchester Public Library and Park District: These organizations often offer sewing and crafting classes, providing opportunities to learn new skills and repurpose materials.

Buy Nothing Groups: Join a local Buy Nothing group on Facebook to find free items, give away unwanted possessions, and build community connections.

The Benefits of Repurposing

Let's work together to create a more sustainable future. By following these guidelines and utilizing local resources, you can significantly reduce your environmental impact, save money, and declutter your home.

You can start by taking a look at what's in your trash bin to figure out what you're throwing away regularly and figure out a plan to repurpose. Inspire others to join the movement and make a positive impact on our planet - email me with ideas on what you're doing to reduce and reuse your items!

Nikki Way is a GROW Ecological Commissioner, visual artist, and writer passionate about reducing waste.

Participate in Our Community-Wide Yard Sale!

Visit www.westchester-il.org/reuseapalooza to register your sale and see a map of all registered sales!

Every year, thousands of useful items end up in landfills, while the cost of new items continues to rise along with the environmental impacts of manufacturing...

On September 21 and 22, join your neighbors as hundreds of Westchester households host yard sales and giveaways. You can choose to participate on one or both days. No registration or ticket is needed if you're just shopping.

Reduce your trash and earn some cash by joining our yard sale and giveaway event!

Recipe of the Month

Whether for health, religious, or environmental reasons, or simply just because, for those times you're abstaining from meat or simply want to try a new plant-based recipe, GROW (Green Residents of Westchester) Ecological Commission will be sharing a monthly featured plant-based recipe.

This month put your home-grown tomatoes to use, or buy local at The Farm, with this easy and versatile Roasted Tomato Sauce recipe. Serve it with your favorite pasta or veggie noodles, and snip fresh basil, oregano, or other herbs on top. It freezes well and lends itself to making it your own by adding other vegetables, herbs, etc. Have a plant-based recipe you'd like to share with the community? Send it to GROW@westchester-il.gov for consideration for future newsletters.

Roasted Tomato Sauce

hands-on time: 15 minutes

total time: 1 hour

makes 3 cups

3 pounds plum tomatoes (about 15)

3 cloves garlic, peeled

½ teaspoon crushed red pepper

¼ cup fresh basil leaves, chopped, or 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

½ teaspoon kosher salt

1 cup kalamata olives, pitted and coarsely chopped (optional)

Heat oven to 425°F. Cut each tomato in half length-wise. Arrange in a shallow baking dish, cut-side down, with the garlic and crushed red pepper. Bake about 40 minutes or until the garlic is soft and the tomato skins pucker and brown. Remove from oven. (Optional step: Peel off the tomato skins and discard.) Using the back of a fork, smash the garlic and break up the tomatoes in the baking pan. Blend in the basil, vinegar, and salt (and optional olives). Serve over pasta.

Credit: Real Simple, September 2003




REUSE-A-PALOOZA
YARDSALE BONANZA & REUSE FEST

Register & View the Map:
www.westchester-il.org/reuseapalooza

GROW Ecological Commission invites you to participate in a community-wide yard sale! Reduce your trash by keeping useful items out of landfills, and/or shop for deals on unique, pre-loved items that reduce the impacts of buying new. Register your sale to be added to the official map.

September 21-22, 2024

WESTCHESTER SHRED & RECYCLE EVENT

OCTOBER 19 - 10 A.M. TO NOON
2305 ENTERPRISE DR., WESTCHESTER

PAPER SHREDDING

All unwanted paperwork will be accepted. Remove paper clips, binder clips, and rubber bands.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Most household electronics will be accepted. Limit one television per household. Visit www.westchester-il.org for full list of accepted items.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK

Pills only - liquid meds and sharps will not be accepted. Collection is anonymous, bottles with identifying information will be destroyed.



**THIS COLLECTION EVENT IS FOR
VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS.**

**WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY WILL BE
ON-SITE COLLECTING MONETARY &
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS!**



Enroll Today!
At Westchester
Park District
Community Center

Open to
5th Graders
Now!

Grades
K-5

Need Before & After School Care?

Latch Key

2024-2025 Registration Begins June 3rd!

A.M. Latch Key
\$75 Deposit

P.M. Latch Key
\$150 Deposit

7:00 A.M. - Start Of School
6:30 P.M. - School Dismissal

District 92 1/2 buses children to & from
our facility from Westchester Primary &
Intermediate Schools

PH: 708-865-8200 X. 216
Email: kkasprzak@wpdparks.org

Our Benefits:

- DCFS Licensed Facility
- Morning & afternoon care available
- Care provided on 1/2 days & days off of school
- Supervised by trained & loving staff
- Nutritious snack provided
- Daily homework help/ individualized attention
- Variety of playing materials in our cheerful classrooms
- Gym & outdoor play

Don't Miss Out- Stay Connected



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IMPORTANT REMINDER!

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE



Effective Date:

- Rates have been adjusted for usage as of July 1, 2024
- Changes will first appear on September utility bills

New Rates:

- Water Usage Rate: \$16.70 per 1,000 gallons
- Sewer Usage Rate: \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons

Reason for Rate Adjustment:

- Essential for maintaining and upgrading our aging infrastructure
- Supports the unfunded Lead Service Replacement Mandate, ensuring safe and reliable services

Support Resources Available:

- Hardship Program:
 - For residents struggling to pay their utility bill
 - Eligibility criteria apply
 - www.westchester-il.org/utilityhardship
- Water Fixture Efficiency Reimbursement Grant:
 - Financial assistance to low-income residents for upgrading to water-efficient fixtures
 - Helps reduce water usage and potentially lower water bills
 - Eligibility criteria apply
 - www.westchester-il.org/utilityefficiency
- Hardship Assistance Resources:
 - www.westchester-il.org/hardshipassistance